

Subpart J—Losses**§ 20.201 Liability and responsibility of carrier.**

(a) A person or carrier transporting specially denatured spirits to a consignee or returning it to the consignor is responsible for the safe delivery and is accountable for any specially denatured spirits not delivered.

(b) A person or carrier transporting specially denatured spirits in violation of any law or regulation pertaining thereto, is subject to all provisions of law relating to alcohol and the payment of tax thereon, and shall be required to pay the tax.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1314, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5001))

§ 20.202 Losses in transit.

(a) *Reporting losses.* Upon discovering any loss of specially denatured spirits while in transit, the carrier shall immediately inform the consignee, in writing, of the facts and circumstances relating to the loss. In the case of theft, the carrier shall also immediately notify the consignee's appropriate TTB officer of the facts and circumstances relating to the loss.

(b) *Recording losses.* At the time the shipment or report of loss is received, the consignee shall determine the quantity of specially denatured spirits lost. The consignee shall note the quantity lost on the receiving document and attach all relevant information to the record of receipt, prescribed in § 20.163. For the purpose of maintaining the records prescribed in subpart P of this part, receipts of specially denatured spirits will only include the quantity actually received.

(c) *Claims.* A claim for allowances of losses of specially denatured spirits will, as prescribed in § 20.205, be filed:

(1) If the quantity lost in transit exceeds one percent of the total quantity shipped and is more than 10 gallons, the consignee shall file a claim for allowance of the entire quantity lost; or

(2) If the loss was due to theft or other unlawful removal, the consignee shall file a claim for allowance of the

entire quantity lost, regardless of the quantity or percentage involved.

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§ 20.203 Losses on premises.

(a) *Recording of losses.* A permittee shall determine and record, in the records prescribed by subpart P of this part, the quantity of specially denatured spirits or recovered alcohol lost on premises:

(1) When an inventory is taken,

(2) At the time a container is emptied, or

(3) Immediately upon the discovery of any loss due to casualty, theft or other unusual causes.

(b) *Claims.* A claim for allowance of specially denatured spirits will be filed as prescribed in § 20.205, in the following circumstances:

(1) If the quantity lost during the annual accounting period (§ 20.263(c)) exceeds one percent of the quantity to be accounted for during that period, and is more than 50 gallons; or,

(2) If the loss was due to theft or unlawful use or removal, the permittee shall file a claim for allowance of losses regardless of the quantity involved.

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§ 20.204 Incomplete shipments.

(a) Subject to the provisions of this part (and Part 19 of this chapter for shipments made by a distilled spirits plant), when containers of specially denatured spirits have sustained losses in transit other than by theft, and the shipment will not be delivered to the consignee, the carrier may return the shipment to the shipper.

(b) When specially denatured spirits are returned to the shipper in accordance with this section, the carrier shall inform the shipper, in writing, of the facts and circumstances relating to the loss. In the case of theft, the carrier shall also immediately notify the shipper's appropriate TTB officer of the facts and circumstances relating to the loss.